## NOTICE OF CHANGE TO MUNICIPAL CONSENT HEARING

## NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

## IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A MUNICIPAL CONSENT GRANTED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, COUNTY OF MORRIS

## **BPU DOCKET NO. WE20020117**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on February 6, 2020, New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. ("NJAWC") filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-14 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.5 and such other applicable regulations and statutes, to approve a municipal consent ordinance ("Ordinance 450-20") granted to NJAWC by the Township of Long Hill ("Township").

Specifically, NJAWC is seeking approval of Ordinance 450-20 adopted by the Township Committee on January 22, 2020, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-11 to 15, and N.J.S.A. 48:13-11 granting municipal consent to NJAWC to construct, lay, maintain and operate the necessary wastewater treatment facilities, mains, pipes and appurtenances throughout the geographical area of the Township and to provide wastewater services to the Township.

NO CHANGE IN RATES WILL RESULT FROM THE PETITION. The Township's sewer rates will remain the same for a minimum of two years from the closing date of the acquisition of the Township's Wastewater Treatment System by NJAWC. NJAWC has agreed not to increase the Township's sewer rates by more than nine percent in total over years three through five following the closing date of the acquisition. Any future base rate increases following year five will be included in NJAWC's base rate cases filed with the Board.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Notice of this hearing was previously published in this newspaper on March 5, 2020 and March 12, 2020; this notice replaces the prior notices. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a telephonic hearing on the petition has been scheduled for April 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., which will be presided over by a hearing officer designated by the Board. Members of the public are invited to listen to the hearing and express their views on the petition by dialing toll-free at 844-291-6360, and then entering access code 5428820 and co-host password 2969 at the designated time. Such comments will be made a part of the final record in the proceeding.

Written comments may also be submitted to the attention of the Honorable Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350, or via email to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov. Persons submitting written comments should include Docket No. WE20020117 in their submissions.

Copies of the petition are available for inspection at the offices of NJAWC located at One Water Street, Camden, New Jersey 08102 or on NJAWC's website at www.newjerseyamwater.com. Copies may also be obtained by calling NJAWC at 856-955-4001. Further information and copies of the petition may also be obtained at the Board's Offices located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor, Trenton, NJ 08625. Any members of the public who wish to inspect the petition at the Board should contact the Board's Division of Case Management at 609-292-0806 or board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

A copy of this Notice is being served upon the Clerk of the Township of Long Hill.

In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for special accommodation at least 72 hours prior to the hearing to NJAWC at 856-955-4001 or publichearings@amwater.com.

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